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Message from the Mayor

Two years ago, I asked residents from across the District to come together at the first Citizen Summit and chart a course for the future of our city.

Three thousand residents responded. We talked about what was wrong. We talked about what was right. And together, we developed a vision and a plan to become the city we believed we could be. Since that first Citizen Summit, we've turned your ideas into action. We're making government more responsive to citizens' needs. We've resurfaced over 900 blocks of neighborhood streets and alleys. Most DMV lines now take a half-hour—and you can often get what you need over the Internet. We've established one number—727-1000—for citizens to call for the help you need.

Our economy continues to prosper. The District's thriving technology industry creating jobs. We're turning empty lots into centers of commerce, such as the Kmart, Giant, and Home Depot that will open at Rhode Island Place.

We're investing in our young people. The Children Youth Investment Trust Corporation has invested \$12 million to support community-based programs for children and families. The new Tuition Assistance Program helped 1,899 District students attend 150 different colleges and universities across the country.

The recent terrorist attacks have cast fear and uncertainty over our progress. However, the events of September 11 cannot deter our spirit, cannot derail our progress, and cannot destroy our community.

We stand at a historic crossroads. As of September 30, the control board that limited our ability to govern was out of business. We have taken another step towards one government, good government, and self government.

But our government cannot go it alone. Now, more than ever, we must come together—our faith community, neighborhood leaders, non-profits, businesses, and citizens—to succeed together.

I ask all District residents to identify what you can do within your family, community, organization, and work place to help the District reach our goals. Now, more than ever, the future of the District is in our hands.

District's Hypothermia Assistance Plan

The District's Hypothermia Plan for this winter calls for every government agency, community organization and citizen to get involved to save lives. When the temperature drops below freezing, or when the wind chill factor creates below-freezing conditions, the Emergency Management Agency will issue a Hypothermia Alert," triggering intense outreach activity by District agencies and community partners. District residents are asked to get involved as well. If someone on the street in freezing weather appears to need assistance, District residents are encouraged to call the Hypothermia Shelter Hotline at 1-800-535-7252.

People who need help will receive transportation to an emergency shelter along with warm clothes and sleeping bags. At a news conference, Mayor Williams thanked the business owners and citizens who comprise the city's Hypothermia Watch Partners," and who have already committed to an extensive community outreach campaign.

Family Preparedness Guide Available

CONTAINS INFORMATION ON WHAT TO DO BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER ANY EMERGENCY

Mayor Williams recently announced the availability of the District's "Family Preparedness Guide," with information that will help residents prepare for emergencies.

The guide includes information on creating a family emergency plan, assembling a preparedness kit, and on what to do before, during and after any emergency. The guide also includes contact information for specific District agencies that can provide assistance in emergency situations. Additionally, the brochure contains important information about how to obtain emergency and ongoing disaster recovery assistance. For copies of the guide, residents should contact the DC Emergency Management Agency at (202) 727-6161. To access the guide electronically, [click here](#). The guide is also available in Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese.



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Photos



Mayor Williams enjoys lunch with Seniors at IONA



Lots of toys were made available for children at the Salvation Army's Toyland



Mayor participates in toy distribution

Community News

- [Mayor Announces Partnership with Faith Community](#)
- [Mayor Issues Statement on Passage of Housing Act](#)
- [Mayor Announces Nomination of School Board Member](#)

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Upcoming Events

01/15	Martin Luther King Holiday of Service Kick-Off Wheatley Elementary School 1299 Neal Street, NE 10:00 am Education and Service Projects 9:30 am - 10:00 am Program 10:00 am - 11:00 am
01/21	Martin Luther King Holiday of Service Closing Ceremony University of the District of Columbia 10:30 am
01/21	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day Inter-Faith Service: "Prayer, Peace, and Praise" Tenth Street Baptist Church 1000 R Street, NW 11:00 am

[Click here](#) to view Mayor's daily schedule.

Mayor Announces Decision on Kingle Road

Recently, Mayor Williams announced his decision to reopen the 0.7 mile section of Kingle Road NW, between Porter Street and Cortland Place, for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized vehicles. Mayor Williams' decision is in line with his strong commitment to improve the quality of life for all District neighborhoods. This decision strikes a balance among strongly held positions on all sides. The decision will provide more open space for the District's neighborhoods and more natural recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. It will add a measure of protection to the water quality in nearby Rock Creek and continue the longstanding commitment of this administration and District government to a healthy and sustainable environment. Joining Mayor Williams at the Kingle Road announcement were representatives from the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, Audubon Society, East of the Park for Kingle Valley, Cleveland Park Association, Save Kingle Valley Campaign, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington Area Bicyclist Association, and other groups. Several members of the DC Council, including Jack Evans, Sharon Ambrose, Phil Mendelson, Kathy Patterson, and Kevin Chavous, have taken positions supporting the bike and pedestrian trail option for Kingle.